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Wednesday Webinar series

Serving the Women Who've Served Us: Supporting and Engaging Female Veterans

American women have been great patriots, warriors, and healers for our nation's military efforts. They have served in many capacities from the time of the Revolutionary War to the present. American women have answered the call to serve with the same honor and integrity as their male counterparts, but often do not identify themselves as veterans. Female Servicemembers are joining the service at higher rates than at any other time in our nation's history—accounting for approximately 15-17 percent of U.S. forces, serving in both active and Reserve components. The current population of women veterans is estimated to be about 1.7 million.

Female Servicemembers and veterans have distinct needs from their male counterparts starting with their deployment and continuing through their transition to civilian life. According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, women face many challenges related to their service. Female Servicemembers are often the primary breadwinners for their families and often have to leave their children at home with others to care for them. During service, one in five women reported being a victim of military sexual trauma. Female veterans are at high risk for post-traumatic stress disorder, hypertension, depression, and suicide. Statistics also show an alarming increase in homelessness and substance abuse for younger women separating from the military. Female veterans with children are often presented with multiple barriers during reintegration, especially given the lack of accessible and affordable child care.

In this webinar, we will explore the assets of the women who serve our country and how national service programs can tap into these strengths. We will also learn about a few programs that have been set up to address the essential needs of transitioning female Servicemembers.

Goals of the series:

- Enhance your knowledge of assets of and challenges for female Servicemembers and veterans
- Increase the awareness of the resources available to national service programs serving female veterans
- Add to the toolbox of strategies for finding and engaging female veterans

Schedule:

- **Wednesday, February 26, 2014**

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